



June 2018

WSSCA Newsletter

The "news you can use" periodical for Wisconsin's school safety and security professionals

Two upcoming WSSCA professional development offerings are scheduled and registration is open for members and guests to attend and participate.

Learn How to Conduct a School Security Assessment

"Teach a man to fish..."

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Wisconsin Statute 118.07 requires:

*118.07 (4) (b) A school safety plan shall be created with the active participation of appropriate parties..... **Before creating or updating a school safety plan, a school board or governing body of a private school shall, in consultation with a local law enforcement agency, conduct an on-site safety assessment of each school building, site, and facility that is regularly occupied by pupils. The on-site assessment shall include playgrounds, athletic facilities or fields, and any other property that is occupied by pupils on a regular basis.***

WSSCA has been conducting such assessments since 2013, and now the State is calling for every public and private school to conduct an on-site assessment. **Best practice for such assessments is to ensure objectivity through independent evaluation, but WSSCA certainly does to have the capacity to get to all 422 districts.**

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We are offering opportunities for school personnel and law enforcement partners to learn how to conduct **a quality school security site assessment** using the tools and supporting theory we have used in more than fifty district assessments to date.

The WSSCA School Security Assessment class will be taught by Ed and Barbara Dorff. Ed and Barbara are both PSP certified (ASIS) and have conducted dozens of school security audits across the state.

In this class we will cover theory and practices for three major areas of school security: human action, technology, and infrastructure. The class will include lecture, group work and real-time research, and a culminating practical application activity using the assessment instrument to do an actual walk-through in the host school site.

Class Dates and Locations (8:00 am – 4:00 pm):

July 26, 2018: Indian Trails High School, Kenosha Unified School District

August 9, 2018: Patrick Marsh Middle School, Sun Prairie School District

August 16, 2018: Logan High School, La Crosse School District

August 23, 2018: Fischer School, Wauwatosa School District

Class Minimum: 20 Class Maximum: 50

Cost: \$240.00 per participant for WSSCA Member Districts and Law Enforcement

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Basic Digital Threat Assessment (DTA) Training

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Digital Threat Assessment was developed through the need to keep pace with the ever-evolving technology challenges that face our students currently. These challenges have entered the education domain with force and have overwhelmed school district staff throughout the world.

The goal is to give attendees a stronger understanding of the current social media world, tools to be able to proactively identify student safety concerns, and to provide strategies for dealing with online situations as they arise. All aspects of school safety and threats to schools now involve a social media or online component and we need to be prepared.



Name: Digital Threat Assessment

Date: July 25, 2018

Time: Sign in at 8:15 a.m. Session runs from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Venue: Waukesha County Technical College

Fee: \$240 for WSSCA members, \$260 for non-members.(\$20.00 for Lunch)

Summer Projects and Workplace Safety



Note: Students and staff have left for the summer, and our B&G crews along with our contractors will have free and unfettered access to the buildings and grounds to accomplish all those projects that need doing, right? I'm repeating an article from last year's June newsletter. Considering the additional work that will be done in the months ahead once your grants are approved, this is certainly a timely topic. Ed

Everyone working in facilities knows that while the school-year calendar says that the 2016-2017 school year is about to end, they also know that our buildings and grounds continue to get regular, sometime heavy use during the brief summer months.

This “down time” ideally gives us better access to the sites and places we need to work in as we scramble to get all those summer projects done on time. However, we know that workplace safety, whether it’s in a major construction project, or a simple maintenance function such as reconditioning floors can be compromised by staff and students who, quite frankly, get in the way and ignore safety precautions.

My advice as a former principal to site supervisors, Building and Grounds Directors, project managers, and facilities workers who are looking toward the many important projects that have to be accomplished includes:

- Meet with and speak to the building principal at the specific sites about the summer work that must be accomplished. **Do this now.**
- Suggest that the principal/administrator include a note/article in the summer newsletter about the summer projects and the facts about the need to keep people out of and away from the work being completed.
- Be comfortable with the fact that while the projects are going on, you, not the teacher, student, (or even principal for that matter) are in charge of the area. **Don’t compromise on safety.**

Be safe this summer. The summer work that you are doing is often unheralded and taken for granted. Know that it is vital and greatly appreciated by everyone who sees the big picture.



School Safety Grant



Questions, Questions, and More Questions

Now that the grants have been submitted, more questions about following the requirements of Act 143 once the 2018-19 School Year begins. We will continue to provide information to WSSCA members vis this newsletter and special newsletter mailings as details are made known.



Upcoming Certification Training!

Certification Course Modules 4 and 9

October 25, 2018

Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center
Madison, WI 53718

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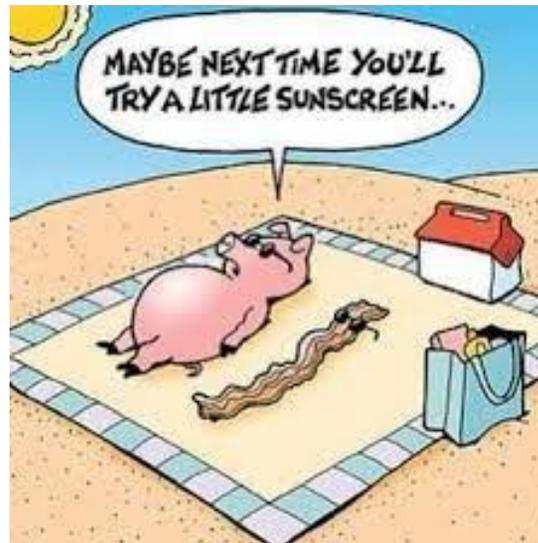
If you are interested in learning more about our school safety coordinators certification program click [here](#).

Quotes of the Month

“Whether You Think You Can or Think You Can’t, You’re Right.” – Henry Ford

“Creativity’s Intelligence Having Fun.” – Albert Einstein

Borrowed Humor



School Safety Certification
2017 Course Schedule

Modules	Course Titles	Dates	Location
4 & 8	Playground Maintenance and Supervision, Bloodborne Pathogens, Ergonomics, Safety codes regarding drills, fire extinguishers and evacuations & School Threat and Vulnerability Assessment	October 25, 2018	Madison, WI
5 & 9	Sound Risk Management Practices & School Post Incident Recovery and Planning	February 6 & 7, 2019	Wisconsin Dells, WI
6 & 10	General Aspects of Crisis and Emergency Management for Schools & Putting it all together, Emergency Response Table Top and Exercise Practicum	April 2019	Madison, WI

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